Postmastership.

BURIED UNDER RUINS!

SCORES OF LIVES LOST BY A BOILER EXPLOSION.

The Central Park Hotel of Hartford Torn to Pieces.

Guests and Employes Buried Beneath the Debris...The Work of Rescue... Heart-Rending Scenes as Bodies are Taken Out One by One.

HARTFORD, CONN., Feb. 18.-The shock of a tremendous explosion awoke sleepers for blocks around the corner of High and Allyn streets about 5 o'clock this morning. On that corner stood the Park Central Hotel, a five-story brick structure, about thirty feet front and 100 feet deep. The first to arrive on the scene found this building a heap of rulns, from which issued emoke and steam in dense clouds, and the spectators were appalled by the shricks and groans of many human beings who were imprisoned in the mass of timber and asonry, from which flames were already A general alarm immediately summoned the fire department, and an immense crowd, attracted by the explosion and the fire-alarm, soon packed the streets in the vicinity. At first the fire and smoke entirely prevented any attempt to rescue the victims, and it was not until a flood of water had been poured upon the ruins that the work could be prosecuted. A few dead or dying persons were taken from the edge of the debris, however, within an hour after the explosion. The force of the explosion threw a bed with a sleeping woman upon it far into the street, while one of the heavy doors of the house landed a block

REACHING THE VICTIMS. By 9 o'clock the flames were so far subdued that the rescuers were enabled to get at some of the victims. Some were pinned beneath heavy timbers, upon which rested masses of masonry, rendering the work of rescue extremely hazardous. The report that members of the Hoodman Blind Theatrical Company were in the hotel is incorrect. Mr. E. P. Humphrey, business manager of the company, says some of the company applied at the hotel last night for accommodations, but could not get them and went elsewhere. He has just accounted for every member of his company and all are safe. The fact that they were refused accommodation does not indicate that the hotel was crowded, but simply because that they dering rooms for two or three days could not be furnished on account of previous engage-ments of apartments by legislators. The dead body of Wright H. Buell of this city was taken out at about 10 o'clock. The bodies of Louis H. Bronson, stove dealer, Hartford, wife and child, were discovered at about the same time. Harry Stiffle, a commercial traveler, who roomed on the third floor, was taken from the rules considerably bruised, but he remarked that he was "all right."

A PAVORITE RESORT. The house had accommodations for about 100 guests and was a favorite over-Sunday stopping place for commercial travelers. An intending guest, who applied for a room late Saturday evening, was informed that they were full, so it seems probable least eighty persons were in the house at the time of the explosion, of which perhaps twenty escaped uninjured. These fallen, although in a shaky condition. Among those known to be buried in the ruins are the Rev. Dr. L. Perrin and wife of New Britain and R. W. F. Whiting, actuary of the Hartford Life and Annuity Insurance Company, and wife, and Wellington Ketchum, proprietor of

About six persons have been sent to the hospital. Owing to the destruction of the register of the hotel the names of many of the guests cannot be ascertained.

The catastrophe is generally supposed to have been caused by an explosion of the boiler, although some doubt has been expressed on this point, as the building had been popularly supposed to be unsafe. It

The street department and the railroads have furnished their forces of laborers with jacks, etc., and the work of searching for bodies is now going fo: ward in a systematic

At 10 o'clock the "military call" was sounded on the fire bell, calling out the military companies to assist in preserving order and assist in the work of rescue.

Another Account. HARTFORD, CONN., Feb. 18 .- It is the most horrible catastrophe that has eve been known in Hartford, and when the lis of dead and wounded is completed it wil be found to be a horror equal to any tha has taken place within the last half century.

The loss of life is believed not to be less than fifty, but it cannot be definitely stated, as the night-clerk, Mr. Terry, is among the missing and his books are destroyed.

Among these missing are: George S. Ketchum, brother of the pro-

Actor of the hotel.

Rev. Dr. Perrin, secretary of the Congré-sifonal Tract Society, and wife.

W. Tillotson, commercial traveler. Mr. Stiffles, safe agent. Max Galody, editor of the Hartford

Herald.
George J. Engler, drug clerk, Hartford.
Edward Perry, night clerk of the hotel.
It is now understood that the bodies of
Mr. Bronson, wife and child have not been

George Keichum, brother of the proprie

George Keichum, brother of the proprie-tor, is also in the ruins. Mr. Pendleton of Indiana, who was soliciting subscriptions to complete the monument to Thomas A. Hendricks, is among the missing. Mr. Jemes, an agent of the White Star Line, was taken out an noon alive and not seem-ing to be very badly injured, although not able to stand. He said that Landlord Ketchum and wife were under where he lay, and were still alive. lay, and were still alive.

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George W. Root, traveler for Waite, Williams & Co., Boston.

— Hill, room 29, fourth floor.

A. F. Tillottson, traveler for Merrill Chemical Company, Chicago.

Taken out dead (additional):
George Gaines, night porter.

At hospital—Jacob Turpin, colored, waiter; John Lapeinte, guest, Jennie Decker, Unionville, guest, badly burned and both legs broken; Michael Kerrigan, Unionville, badly bruised.

The hotel was built about fifteen years ago, and cost, with furniture, \$120,000. The soil was soft, and although the building was carefully built it soon settled bindly. About five years ago Mr. Ketchum took the lease, and renevated and refuruished the house. Insurance is \$18,000.

It is stated that no fragment of the Loller has yet been found, which militates regimes the theory of a boiler explosion.

Nothing had been seen or heard of the allowe is 520 o'clock, and they are believed to be killed and buried in the ruine. Nearly all the help employed in the hotel were saved. They occupied the steeping apartments in the east wing of the annex, which

was only partly wrecked by the explosion. Some forced their way out themselves, others were helped out. The entire main section of the hotel was gone, only a pile of brick and timbers remaining. The scenes about the ruins were horrible. A TERRIBLE SCENE.

In the centre of the spot where the building stood were a man, his wife and a little girl. No help could get to them and they finally fell back into the flames and died in plain sight of the spectators. The little one cried for help, but the man and the woman uttered not a word, but, embraced in each others arms, met death bravely. Away out near the aimes the shrieks of a woman caused the blood of the people looking on to turn cold as they saw a young girl lying with her body half across a beam, a look of agony on her face. Finally the support fell and she disappeared from sight.

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Win. Seymour and Win. Skinner were employed in the botter-room. Neither of them could be found this morning, and it is supposed they perished. Eddie Hoyle was last seen in the hotel. He is probably dead. The shock of the explosion blew every window in the south side of the Earl House, which is just north of the Park Central, into fragments. Women, with faces blanched in terror, and strong men rushed into the street in their night clothes.

Cherica W. Webster, of Webster & Moore, insurance agents of this city, was in the hotel, and is among the missing. Mr. Pond of Indiana, the Democratic speaker, was one of the guests at the hotel, and is supposed to be among the killed. Amos Risley and Alexander Thuyer were in charge of the boller. It was reported first that they were both killed, but there are parties who say they have seen both men since the disaster.

JUSTICE MERRICK'S SUCCESSOR The Bar Association Do Not Want Mr.

Stevenson. The Bar Association, which has called attention to itself by making a protest to the Judiciary Committee in Congress against the confirmation of Assistant Postmaster-General Stevenson appointed to the vacancy on the District Bench, are unani-mous on one point. They don't want Mr. Steverson. Not because he is Mr. Steven-son, but because he is not a District man. A non-resident by any other name would be quite as obnoxious. They have not gone so far, however, to settle on who they do want

It is something like the spinster's prayer for a husband. They ain't particular so long as he's a District man. When the last vacancy occurred potitions were in circulation in which Auditor James G. Payne and Mr. Leigh Robinson were named as favorites.

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Both these gentlemen are Democrats, and the opinion is expressed with some considence that the Senate will not confirm any appointment under the present Administration. They rely on the Republican President to give them the kind of a Judge they want. The agitation of this question has encouraged a number of people who are dissatisfied with the Bench as it is now organized to express their views with some freedom. They declare that they are expected to spend valuable time in educating the Judges to a knowledge of District law, all of which would be avoided if they had a District man on the Bench.

District man on the Bench.

The picture that is presented in their arguments of the bewildering conflict of laws in this jurisdiction is astonishing. To a narrow, finite, unlegal mind the thought suggests itself that it would not be amiss to protest against that it would not be amiss to protest against having laws which men of brains and legal education could not gresp without a profracted preparatory training. Some of the criticisms on the Bench have been quite harsh, and have provoked much comment on both sides of the question.

WORK FOR "FEMALE PEDS."

A Walking-Match Between Women at the Old Skating-Rink.

Work was begun this morning at the old roller skating-rink on New York avenue, making it ready for the female walkingwere mostly employes who occupied an an-nex or wing of the house extending was laid around the raised platform in the row of seats placed inside the track. A couple of bands have been engaged to furnish music in the rink and on the stand. and some prizes have been on exhibition in and some prizes have been on exhibition in Jacobs' window. Twenty women are announced to compete for the prizes, and the match is to last some weeks. Among the amounced contestants are Bessie Macbeth, or Lady Macbeth, as the bills call her, who claims the championship. She is Richard K. Fox's entry in the big \$20,000 sweepstakes match that is to begin in the Madison Square Garden, in New York, in April. She has walked 600 miles in sixty hours, and is the most famous of the contestants.

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Laura Jeffries has done 281 miles in stxty days. Jennie Morse is a young woman

days. Jennie Morse is a young woman who has walked in various Eastern cities who has walked in various Eastern cities and is quite well known. Clara Dupont is from the West, and is quite well known as a placky walker. Alice Mawbry is also entered. She beat Maddox, the roller skater, in a match in a rink when the roller skating fever was at its height.

Carrie Jefferson is another plucky woman who walked from Eastport, Me., to San Francisco, Cal.

It is announced that Richard K. Fox offers to back Ledy Macbeth against the world for from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

At twenty minutes past 2 o'clock the track was completed and the walk begun. The track is some four feet wide and thirteen laps make a mile. The band played, oddly enough, a dirge as an overture and this, combined with the unlucky number of laps of the track to the mile.

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After the overture the band played a quickstep, and four of the pedestriennes came out of the dressing room and stepped onto the track. They all started in a bunch with Lady Macbeth iirst and Louise Mawbry last. Lady Macbeth is rather the oldest of the four, and stout, as if she was not trained down as much as she should be. not trained down as much as she should be.

Miss Mawbry is the best looking of the Miss Mawhy is the cost mosing of the walkers, a pretty young blonde and with her hair down her back and her black stockings flashing back and forth under her short blue dress she was quickly a favorite with the handful of spectators who were present

the handful of spectators who were present when the start was made.

Miss Mawbry quickly took the lead, walking with a strong muscular stride that quickly put her in the lead. Lady Mac-beth and Miss Jefferies had a little brush and then settled down to a quick regular

In Justice Merrick's Memory. Judge Hoge to-day offered a motion in the Court in General Term, that the resolution adopted by the Bar Association with reference to the death of Judge Merrick be spread upon the minutes of the court. In allowing the motion Chief Justice Bingham paid a warm tribute to the merits of the deceased, referring to the esteam in which he was held by his Associates on the Bench.

The Big Ball to Come Here.

It is proposed to roll the famous Harrison ball, which was rolled up the Avenue during the campaign, at the Inauguration. The ball is now at Indianapolis, and a club of 100 or 150 men will roll it from that place to Washington.

Engineer Commissioner Raymond has gone to Chicago to examine electric motors for street cars and underground conduits for telegraph and telephone and electric light wires.

CONGRESS TO-DAY

WHAT COURSE WAS TAKEN WITH DIFFERENT MEASURES.

The Investigation of the Supervising Architect's Office-Presidential Nominations... Report on the Condition of the Georgetown Railroad.

In the Senate to-day Mr. Vest entered motion to reconsider the vote by which the conference report on the Direct Tax bill was agreed to, and slad be did so for the purpose of submitting some remarks later. Mr. Palmer offered resolutions extending the thanks of the Congress to the State of Michigan for the statue of Lewis Cass, which was unveiled to-day in Statuary Hall, and proceeded to address the Senate.

HOUSE.

In the House to-day, on motion of Mr. Hatch of Missouri, the substitute for the biil regulating the sale of compound lard, which was presented last July, was taken from the House calendar and referred to the Committee of the Whole. The bill to provide for the better protection of the fur seals and salmon fisheries in Alsaka was called up by Mr. Dunn, who explained its provisions.

Location of Fort Omaha.

The Secretary of War sent to the Senate to-day an answer to the resolution of that body calling for correspondence and reports in relation to the re-location of Fort Omaha, Neb. The Secretary says that the act of Congress of July 23, 1888, authorized the Congress of July 23, 1888, authorized the purchase of not more than 640 acres within ten miles of the city limits at a price not to exceed \$65, 626,67. Generals Schofield, Crook and Brooke recommended the purchase of 900 acres of ground ten miles south of the Omaha postoffice, a part of it to cost \$225 an acre, and the whole tract to cost \$165,000. This ground, he says, can be supplied with water only from the city water works, which proposes to furnish a sufficient supply.

Presidential Nominations. The President sent to the Senate to-day the following nominations: Major Wm. B. Hughes, Quartermaster U. S. A., to be Det uty Quartermaster-General with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel: Captain Charles H. Hoyt, Assistant Quartermaster, to be Quartermaster, with the rank of Major, Semuel H. Lawrey, to be Postmaster at Clarion, Pa.; James F. Finney of Louislana, to be Special Examiner of Drugs, Medicines and Chemicals in the District of New Orleans, La.

A Street Ballroad's Report. The Speaker laid before the House today the report of the Washington and Georgetown Street Railroad, showing its receipts and disbursements for 1887. The receipts and disoursements for 1887. The receipts were \$651,332.61, which, together with \$29,616.35 coming over from the preceding year, makes a total of \$680,938.93. The lisbursements were \$590,046.36, leaving a balance December 31, 1887, of \$89,992.57. The law incorporating the road requires an annual report to Congress.

Requests From Legislatures. The presiding officer laid before the Senate to-day a memorial of the Legislature of Montana, praying action on the bill to or Montana, praying action on the full to permit allens to purchase mineral lands also a resolution of the Kansas Legislature, esking the appointment of a Board of Engineers, as proposed, to select the most suitable location for a deep water harbor on the northwest coast of the Gulf of Mexico.

To Confirm Boundaries.

Charles W. Stone, secretary of the comnonwealth of Pennsylvania, sent to the Senate to-day a certified copy of the act to comfirm the boundaries of that commonand West Virginia, as surveyed by joint commissioners appointed for that purpose and to ratify and confirm an agreement of June 5, 1887, between Pennsylvania and

The statue of Lewis Cass in Statuary Hall was unveiled this morning without

any ceremonies. Mr. Palmer offered a concurrent resolu-tion in the Senate, returning the thanks of Congress to the Governor and people of the State of Michigan for the statue

The Oklohama Bill. The Senate Committee on Territories at ts meeting this morning authorized a favorable report on the Oklohama bill as it came from the House. Senator Butler gave no-tice that he would offer a substitute pro-viding for negotiations with the Indians in the Oklohama country.

The Democratic Caucus. The Democratic House caucus, which was to have been held this evening, has

been indefinitely postponed. Burial Permits Issued.

Burial permits have been issued by the Health Officer for the past forty-eight hours as follows:

hours as follows:

Ellen Conmer, 49 years; John H. Kellian
4 months; Harvy Heny Mock, 8 months
John Sullivan, 38 years; Jesse N. Roth, 6
years; Annie Philips, 8 months; Michael
Lauxman, 83 years; Georgie E. Williams
1 year, and the following colored: Maude
Tompkins, 2 years; Emma Johnson, 15
years; John H. White, 34 years; John
Magruder, 89 years; Charles P. Mowers,
21 years; Richard Hawkins, 7 months;
Lucy E. Slade, 45 years; Minnie West, 26
years; Amanda Scott, 28 years; Sally
Hunnientt, 42 years.

Building Permits Granted

J. W. Phillips, thirteen two-story dwelling houses, 1608 to 1632 Sixth street, to cost \$60,000. W. H. Bell, two two-story dwelling houses, 1630 and 1632 New Jersey avenue, pressed brick fronts, 15 by 34 feet, \$4,000. R. B. Dettrick, four two-story \$4,000. R. B. Dettrick, four two-story brick dwellings, 12½ by 26 feet, \$3,200. Farnham & Chappel, two two-story frame dwellings on Trinidad street, \$1,000. C. M. Wood, workshop, 915 Ninth. street south-cast, \$100. Mrs. M. C. Howard, repair building, 630 G street, \$250. Mrs. H. Sum-merman, build an addition to 210 D street, \$200.

Marcus W. Reno, in a bill in equity filed to-day by J. J. Johnson, asks for a divorce from Isabella R. Reno, to whom he was married in New York in 1883. She was a widow by the name of McGuunigle. Instead of being grateful to him for rescuting her from that name and substituting the classic appellation she showed no apprecia-tion whatever, and, according to the allega-tion of the bill, deserted him in this city in Vebrauer, 1887.

Unable to Live Peaceably. Frank Bias and his wife are apparently anable to live happily together. Frank is in the habit of firing household articles at his spouse, and last night he struck his daughter with a rocking chair and threat-ened his wife with personal violence. In the Police Court this afternoon Judge Miller fined the defendant \$5 for assault. A Row of Thirfeen Dwellings.

John W. Phillips took out a permit today to erect a row of thirteen dwelling houses, 1608 to 1633 Sixth street northwest, nonses, nos to this state arrect hordress, to cost \$80,000. The fronts, which will be seventeen feet, will be constructed of press and moulded bricks, galvanized iron and slate. They will be sixty feet deep and will contain eight rooms and a bath room.

LATE DEPARTMENT NEWS. THE DISTRICT GOVERNMENT.

Colonel Yard's Death. A dispatch was received at the War Dopartment this morning announcing the death of Colonel John E. Yard of the Eighteenth Infantry, who died yesterday of Eighteenth Infantry, who died yesterday of pneumonia at Hays City, Kan. By the death of Colonel Yard the following promotions will be made: Lieutenant-Colonel Lazelle, Twenty-third Infanty, War Record office, will succeed Colonel Yard, and Major Hamilton S. Hawkins will fill the vacancy of Heutenant-colonel.

Wherabouts of the Ships. The Navy Department has been informed of the arrival of the U. S. steamer Fortune at Portsmouth, Va., from Washington; the arrival of the U. S. steamer Vandalia at Honolulu on her way to Apia from Mare Island Navy-Yard, California, and of the sailing of the U.S. steamer Galena from Cape Haytian on a cruise south. Bills Approved.

The President has approved the following

An act for the relief of William II.
Robertson and Edward L. Hedden, late
Collector of Customs for the district of the
city of New York; an act in relation to
dead and fallen timber on Indian land; an
act to authorize and provide for the disposition of useless papers in the Executive
Departments; an act for the relief of
Charles F. Swain, master of the bark
Philena.

General Notes.

The national bank notes received to-day by the United States Treasurer for redemp-tion amount to \$305,389. The Sceretary of the Treasury to-day appointed Joseph S. Ellis a storekeeper at Worthville, Ky.

The President's reception this afternoon was largely attended.

THE PREBET INVESTIGATION. Colonel Fister's Case Continued by the

Senate Committee. The Senate Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds held a meeting this morning to consider the case of recalcitrant witnesses in the Freret investigation. Thomas A. Fister refused at the last session of the subcommittee to answer questions concerning the selicitation of contributions for political purposes in the Treasury Department

purposes in the Treasury Department during the last campaign.

His refusal was based on the claim that the questions concerned a private matter, and that he was not bound to answer. The subcommittee decided that he must answer the questions. He still refused. Senator Spooner therefore called together the full committee this morning to pass judgment upon Mr. Fister. The committee met in secret session and remained in consultation for nearly an hour preparing a list of questions calling for the information desired by Scuator Spooner for the subcommittee. Mr. Fister and the committee's stenographer were called in, and the questions were formally put to Fister. All the members of the committee were present except Senator Quay. To all of the questions Fister gave the same response that he had given to the sub-committee; that the matter was private and that he would not answer. The committee then went into secret session again and in a short time notified Mr. Fister that he was excused for the day. Shortly afterward the committee tomuliment of Fister to jail for contempt. The panishment is imprisonment for ten days to one mouth and a line of 5100 to \$1,000.

THE WRIT DENIED.

A Mandamus on Commissioner Black Refused Miller. The Court in General Term to-day, in an opinion delivered by Judge Hagner, denied the writ of mandamus asked for in the case of Miller vs. Black, Commissioner of Pensions. The petitioner claimed an increase of pension, and alleged that Black had failed to not in accordance with a decision by the Secretary of the In by the Science of pension was asked for under the law passed in 1880, which provided that all who were receiving \$50 per mouth should receive \$72 per mouth. The plaintiff set forth that he was then entitled to \$50 per month, though not receiving it, but the Court could not make the law cover his

case.

The Court also decided that a writ of mandamus should not 'be granted in the case of M. B. Stevens, a claim agent, sgainst the Pension Commissioner and against the Pension Commissioner and against a pension agent named Wilson. The agent saked that the Commissioner be compelled to transmit to him certain agreements which he had made with pensioners for a \$25 fee. The commissioner had refused to approve the agreement. The opinion held that the case was not one in which the Court should interfere. Notices of appeal were given in both cases.

PREED FROM REPROACH. The Commissioners Come Out of the Trial Without Stain.

The majority report of the House com mittee investigating the school site purchases of the District Commissioners was chases of the District Commissioners was submitted to the full committee to-day. It is understood the report highly eulogizes the Commissioners and frees them from all reproach in the purchases. Mr. Taulbee, chairman of the committee, disagrees with the report and will prepare the views of the minority. Both these reports will be sub-mitted to the House to-morrow.

AT THE HOTELS.

A. Rylander, Americus, Ga.; W. H. Fer-gusen, Belfast; Vincent Hockmeyer, New York, and George G. Linan, Buffalo, N. Y., are at the Metropolitan. W. A. Scott, Springfield, Mass.; Thomas Murray, New Brunswick, N. J.; J. D. Rob-inson, Chicago, Ill.; John Ramsay, New Jersey, and Charles B. Green and wife, Philadelphia, are at the National.

J. B. Sally, Philadelphia; C. L. Shannon, Cincinnati; J. V. McCulloch, Chicago; H. A. Burt, Detroit, Mich., and M. Lublich, New York, are at the St. James. D. H. Chambers, Pitisburg, Pa.; S. F. Cobbs, Danville, Va.; J. M. Harrison, Easton, Pa., and C. C. Gray, Philadelphia, are at the Howard House.

C. J. Bovee, jr., New York; James Clark, San Francisco; Mr. J. Barton Key and C. O. Shepard, New York, are at Chamber-

George B. N. Tower, B. E. Devoy and R. Mason, It., New York; G. G. Benedict, Burlington, Vt.; J. J. McDermott, Springfield, Mass.; W. D. Collingwood, Buffalo, and J. C. Normile, St. Louis, are registered at the Ebbitt.

Lawrence Burke, New York; Senator D. M. Sabin, Minnesota, and James Atwell, Pittsburg, are at the Riggs House. J. P. Lowery, Trenton, N. J.; John Finn, 8t. Louis; J. H. Stoll, Hartford; B. Drum-mond, New Jorsey; M. C. O'Farrell and G. C. Lee, New York, are at Willard's. C. W. Reeves and S. H. Gardner, New York; Alex. McKay, Detroit; W. R. Fris-ble, Sugar Grove, Ark., and twenty-five members of the Loudon Galety Company are at the Harris House.

Baron J. Eckardstein, attache German Legation; G. W. Kephart, Colorado; F. Althof, New York, and G. W. Nott, New Orleans, are at Welcker's. G. E. Miles, New York; Albert Lordon Consul at Bremen, wife and child, are Jas. K. Cass, Pittsburg: W. J. Couriney, Cleveland, Ohio, and Milton P. Bagg, New York city, are at the Arlington.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Bucknell, Pittsburg, are John H. Flagg, New York; Leo Schott and Rud'k Hynicka, Cinciunati, are at the

HOTEL ARNO is the finest in the city.

The letter of Messrs, C. Parker and P. N. Dwyer calling attention to the alleged file gal occupation of H street, between South Capitol and First streets southeast, by the tracks of the B. and P. Rallroad Compan has been referred to Attorney Riddle, and has been referred to Attorney Riddle, and he reported on it as follows: "These South Washington people have been told severa times that when any reputable man will come forward and make the necessary affidavits, this office will prosecute any case against any railroad company. This has been published many times in the city papers. No one thus far has presented himself. Let this man come forward or hold his peace and tongue.

"A. G. RIDDLE, Attorney."

The Commissioners have written a letter

The Commissioners have written a letter o the Postmuster-General, calling his attention to the fact that, on hast Friday night, between 11 and 19 o'clock, a large flow of water into his building was dis covered by testing the supply main. They consider that this is a waste of Potomac water, and request. In view of the scant supply on the higher levels, that future waste be prevented. An effort is being made by the Commi

sioners to have the price paid for sweeping the alleys restored to the original rates. They state that it was only intended to reduce the rate for "sprinkling, sweeping and cleaning the streets." Mr. A. S. Taylor has suggested that a regulation be made governing the tearing

down of old buildings, so as to protect the surrounding property from dirt and dust. Hereafter there will be only fifty-two fire bydrants used by the street-sweeping conractors, and they will be designated and marked with the letter S. The commission of Ralph Hunter, the

colored special policeman, has been revoked.

promotions and appointment in the Police Department to-day on the recommendation of Major Moore: Acting Sergeant Shillings, promoted to be sergeant, vice Diggins, re-signed; Second Class Private II. C. Volkman, promoted to be acting sergeaut; First Class Private Coghill, promoted to be a second class private, and P. J. Hayden, ap-pointed a private of the first class. The parties who purchased the privilege

o erect a reviewing stand for the Inaugural procession at the Botanical Gardens dis covered that they would not be allowed to trespass an inch on the Gardens and only two feet on the sidewalk. The Commissioners have waived their regulations in this case and allowed the stand to extend ten feet over the sidewalk, provided there is a clear space eight feet in height between the pavement and the floor of the stand. The Commissioners have commissioned

as special policemen fifty-seven watchmen at the State, War and Navy Department. Building Inspector Entwiste has so thoroughly recovered that he would have been at his office to-day had it not rained. A sewer will be laid in alley in square 749, under the provisions of the compulsory permit system.

letter to the heads of the various charitable institutions in the District asking for any information they may have concerning the exclusion of persons therefrom on account of color. This information is desired by the Commissioners that they may answer a resolution of the Sanata The Commissioners have made an order

changing the alleys in square 362. The Columbia Railroad Company and the Herdie Company have asked for permission to put bells on their horses during the In-auguration erremonies to warn the crowds of the approach of their vehicles.

THE NATIONAL LEAGUE.

It asks for Mr. Webb's Membership and Opposes His Confirmation. Commissioner Webb stated to a Curry reporter to-day in regard to the action of the Republican National League in adop resolutions protesting against his confirma tion by the Senate that he was surprised at their action because he signed the club's constitution in good faith some time ago ever since. He also said that he heard that a member of the club who was compelled to leave the meeting on the night or which the resolutions were adopted, said by which the recolutions were adopted, said he was assured that no such action would be taken, else he would have remained and raised his voice against it. As evidence o his relation with the League, Mr. Webb produced the following, and stated that on receiving it he paid his dues:

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL LEAGUE, WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 23, 1889.

Hon. Wm. B. Webb: It is carneally desired that you renew your former interest in the Longue and unite your assistance with that of the other members in maintaining in our midst as permanency an organization so necessary and creditable, and one although local a to its privileges in some respects, can be nevertheless, made national by reason of it locality in its influence. In behalf of the Republican Nationa

League.
Yours respectfully,
E. F. BEALE, Chairman.
A. P. FARDON,
JOHN F. COOK,
Committee

THE COURT RECORD. COURT IN GENERAL TERM-Chief Justice Justices Hagner, James, Cox and Montgom ery.—Resolutions of respect to Justice Mer rick, deceased, ordered to be spread on the minutes of the Court. Gilbert vs. Morgan c minutes of the Cont.

al.; opinion of Justice James; motion to re mand overruled. Fraser vs. District of Co lumbia; opinion by Justice Haguer, decision below affirmed. United States ex. rel. Miller vs. Black; United States ex. rel. Stephens vs. same, and same vs. Wilson; Stephens vs. same, and same vs. Wilson; opinion by Justice Hagner; writs of man-damus refused.

CIRCUIT COURT, DIV. 1-Chief Justice Bingham, Douglass vs. Richmond and Danville R. R. Railrond Co.; dumurrer to declaration sustained; leave to amend. Mackall vs. Richards; motion for judgment oversuled. Hamilton vs. Michael; trial re-

interview that he had changed his opinion in regard to the amount of the assessment or that he regarded the \$50,000 assessment as too low. Our whole conversation was directed to the ascertainment of the amount of the assessment which he had previously made, and when he had convinced himself in regard to that, he made the correction at once. The making of the assessment from heginning to end was the Assessor's own voluntary act, and I supposed that he arrived at his conclusions by the same process of figuring as in other cases. The assessments of the other corporations in the published list show clearly that the market value of stocks which are quotable is not the sole consideration with the Assessor. There is nothing peculiar and distinctive in principle in the Star's assessment of its cotemporary newspapers and the other corporations commercated in the list. In guessing at the market value of the Star from alleged shares Mr. Fish is as inaccurate as in his recollection of our conversations. The dividends of the Star for 1887 were not such as to admit the possibility of the manner of shares mentioned receiving the amount of dividends stated. Mr. Fish's two million valuation of the Star, however flattering to the paper, is based upon an erroncous Equity Count—Justice Cox.—Edmonston vs. Beswell; time to take testimony limited. Smith vs. Smith; James A. Smith appointed guardian ad litem. Ferguson vs. Swann; dismissal of cause ordered. Webb et al. vs. Riggs et al.; payment to complainants of \$2,975 ordered. CRIMINAL COURT-Justice Montgomery

CRIMINAL COURT—Justice Montgomery— Monroe Trice, grand larceny; verdict guilty, Dorsey Fultz and John Barnes, assault to kill; verdict guilty, both. Ell. Howard and Edward Holley, housebreak-ing on Fed. ** ing; on trial." CIRCUIT COURT, Drv. 2-Justice Mont-comery.—Cayes vs. Steinem; verdict for

Governor Sprague in Possession The Superintendent of the Life-saving Service has received information that ex-Governor Sprague of Rhode Island has taken possession of the old United States life-saving station which Mrs. Kate Chase life-saving station which Mrs. Rate Chase Springue had established on Canonichet Beach in 1871, and which the Life-saving Service vacated hast week for the new sta-tion near the Casino. The Governor is 'holding the fort' in person with his famous shotgun, according to this information, and the Government will probably let him alone till be gets weary of this pastine, when it will essert and enforce its title.

Professor Sousa III.

Professor John P. Sousa, the conductor of the Marine Band, has been confined to his room for some days by illness. He was reported better this morning.

of dividends stated. Mr. Fish's two million valuation of the Stor, however flattering to the paper, is based upon an erroneous assumption. His entire correspondence with the Commissioners is thus a tissue of misrepresentations, and in its charge of false misrepresentations against me it is an outrageous libel upon me personally and through me, as an alleged agent, upon the Stor fixelf.

F. B. Norths, Apother View of the Case.

Another View of the Case.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.-Editor Critics

Seeing that yours is the only paper pub-

lished in the District possessing the moral courage to publish is full the report made

THE ASSESSOR IS SUSTAINED BY

They Assume Responsibility for His Action in the "Star" Case_A Letter From Mr. Noyes-Another View.

reporter this morning that they want it thoroughly understood that they assume full responsibility for the report of Assessor Fish in regard to the assessment of the Star's capital stock for taxation, and all abuse and criticism of him is worse than unjust, and apparently a subterfuge to detract attention from the main point at issue -the \$19,000 in personal tax which he says is due from the company. It becomes the duty of the Commissioners to expose this fact in answer to a Senate resolution calling upon them for such information, and it is also their duty, in the interest of the tax-

FISH IS INDORSED DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS.

The Commissioners stated to a Carrie

District. The main issue of the case has been equarity made and carnet be side tracked by personal and vulgar abuse of traisfed effects. The sum of \$19,000 for this fiscal year (and for how many year back should be ascertained) as shown by the Assessor, is due to the District treasury by this corporation and should be collected in the interest of the taxpayer. Continue to give us information on this subset is the give us information on this subject, as the journal which has heretofore posed as the protector and promoter of the interests of the faxpayers, as well as a censor of public morals, cannot now do it. Truly, "this is a pretty kettle of fish."

MR. HARRISON'S COOK. He is Reported to be of Chicago Extraction.

GRORGE T. DUNLOP.

The following dispatch from the New York World of to-day reads a good deal like some of the positive information we

have on the Cabinet appointments: futation, Feb. 17.—All the Chicago hotel e in a state of wild excitement d by the kitchen of the Hotel d by the kitchen of the Hotel
the distinguished head of which
this evening for Washington,
sill be the premier of the Hartonomic cabinet. Hugo Zeliv harm of the happy chef
received the great house of
at to the head of the White
tehen. He is a Frenchman
his chicken croqueites and his
enners. His name is familiar in
his excited friends declare that
ill have more influence on the
Administration than that of
When the 'limited' pulled out
riou Depot this evening Hago
adieu from the rear platform of
to a large party of cooks who
oled to bid him God-speat. It is
resident Harrison will pay Hago
ar for his exclusive services.

Against the Government.

KK, Feb. 18 .- A Herald special real says that in all the Protesues of Canada yesterday protests course of the Dominion Gov-1 not disallowing the Quebec bill to incorporate the Society d award them \$440,000 for their estates. In many churches alir-ns were preached against the bill setitions to the Governor-General d asking him to reconsider the 1 avert the dauger to Protestant-t pressure is being brought to the Governor-General to have be bill.

EY REPORTED KILLED. 'ourier From Mangambe As-

cb. 18.—The correspondent of the sol at St. Salvador, to the Course says that a courier has arrived ce from the southwest, and states ort is current there that Henry was killed in a fight with the ar Mangambe. The courier re-several instruments which have filed as belonging to Stanley have oy the natives.

Found Life a Burden.

ron, Tex., Feb. 18. -Miss C. Horenger on the steamship Nucces, ved from New York yesterday, suicide by jumping into the gulf Miss Horton, who was about ge, had for the last two years fout in several New York hosers she was being treated for an er spine. Physicians finally procrease hopeless and she was adturn to her Texas home. As the red this port she told the captain ated to return to her good friends den upon them. No suspicion rden upon them. No suspicion tended suicide was had, however.

The Socialists Desert.

e Central Labor Union was a and finally ended by the seeese Socialist element from the or-, thirty-two unions withdrawing thirty-two unions withdrawing.
It grew out of charges made by
sts that five delegates had been
an officer of the Lager Beer
Association to lift the boycott
pool beer. Before the seceders
day's meeting a number of perunters took place, flats and clubs
y used. The Socialists withdrew
r hall, passed resolutions of
one at cutting loose from the
"and arranged to meet again
ay,"

ugar Fraud Conspirators. mon, Mich., Feb. 18. - Mrs. re Howards and the Halsteads aken to New York yesterday as staining a writ of habeas corpus, Irs. Friend to be produced before anie Monday morning at 10 Unless proceedings are staid prisoners will probably be taken tht. Howard is suffering from ostration, and a doctor was called

e him yesterday. Ex-Police Chief's Crime. fass., Feb. 18 —Edward Oakes, f police of Sangus, was accorded light last night for trying to the house of C. G. Ames. The been notified of the attempt by a d Jordan, whom Oakes took into ence. He pried in a window of residence and started a burglar then he saw he was discovered he escape, but was arrested in East

Sing You Knew the Combination. CHICAGO, Feb. 18 .- See & Company, a orporation of Chinamen engaged in the grocery trade at 323 Clark street, mourn the loss of \$1,000 and the secretary, Sing Yon. Both departed Saturday night. Sing Yon slept in the store, and as he had the combination to the safe, it was no trouble to open it and take the money. His present whereabouts are not known, but it is sup-posed that he has gone to start a Chinese colony in Canada.

A Forty-Million-Dollar Tourist, NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Baron Li Yen Yang, who is said to be worth \$40,000,000 Yang, who is said to be worth \$40,000,000 and one of the richtst men in Chima arrived in this city hast night. The Baron is making a trip around the world, and came to New York by way of British Columbia. He is stopping at a lodging house in Pell street, in the Chinese quarter, preferring Chinese food and accommodations to the best American hotels.

Real Estate Transfers. unis Driscoll to Catherine Driscoll, ublot 38, square 540, \$225. William Pitt Kellogg to Amos J. Drape

t al., sublots 43-44, square 153, 811,857.50. Catherine W. Myer to Annie M. Mills, of 41, Washington Heights, 88,446.20. lot 41, Washington Heights, 88,440,20.

H. R. Lemiy to same, sublot 32, Washington Heights, 86,921,75.

J. G. Payne et al. to Tr. J. Stanton, part lots 65 and 69, B. and H.'s addition to Georgetown, \$2,920.

James Herbert to Victor Becker, part lots 2 and 3, square 592, \$2,600.

Mary A. Balley to Ella 8, Polly, part lot 16, square 749, 8300.

R. S. Hill to B. Hellen, part lot 18, square 136, \$40. Elta S. Polly to Mary A. Bailey, part lot 10, square 749, \$3,000. John H. Lane to James B. Wimer, lots 2, by the Commissioners in response to the Senate resolution concerning the assessments of stock of corporations for personal taxation, I wish you to send me your paper regularly to No. 3103 Q street northwest.

In common with all taxpayers I take great

FOR LOCAL OFFICE

SOME OF THOSE WHO HOPE TO BE CHOSEN.

Log-Rolling Among Candidates for the Lucrative Place of Recorder of Deeds. The Commissionership and

The candidates for the office of Recorder of Deeds of this city are beginning to bestfr themselves, and the log-rolling and wirepulling consequent upon a lively hustling for one office by a number of persons is extensive in this instance. The man most prominently to the front now is Henry W. Ceilin, a whilem resident, but not a native this city. He is backed by Congressmen Butterworth and McKinley of Ohio. His is said to be a personal friend of

Mr. Butterworth, votes in Cincinnati, and it is upon Mr. Butterworth's influence with the in-coming President that he bases his Mr. Coffin has circulated a petition among the business men and secured many indersements to his application for the office. The next candidate, about whom there is talk, is Colonel George F. Schayer, who was deputy recorder under Fred. Pouglas. Colonel Schayer held that position for ten years, during which time he won the friendship of the people who came in contact with him. He is heartily itsicreed by the real estate deaders, and his friends will make the fight for him upon friends will make the fight for him upon

friends will make the fight for him upon his litness for the position.

Thomas S. Hopkins, a member of the District Bar, and well known as an obtresident of the city, is in the race and has a strong following.

L. J. Bry and a comparison of the position of the paymaters of the city in the Paymaters of the city in the Paymaters of the come in on his soldier record. Then, there is Colonel Perry Carson, encouraged by the fact that there have been two dynasties of colored men in office, advocates an adherence to color lines, and presents himself as a candidate for the position.

OTHER DISTRICT OFFICES.

OTHER DISTRICT OFFICES. There is also some hustling for places in other District vacancies which will ensue upon the change of administration. Myron M. Parker and Frank B. Conger are for M. Parker and Frank B. Conger are for District Commissioner. In this connection, Mr. B. H. Warner denies the rumor that he is endeavoring to secure the rejection of the nomination of Commissioner Webb.

Mr. Parker said to-day: "I would not accept any office under the Government, I can make more money, do more good and have just as much honor out of official life."

Daniel Ransdell of Indiana and Colonel Dahlei Ransieli of Indiana and Colored II. L. Swords of Iowa are mentioned as be-ing applicants for Marshal of the District, while Mr. S. II. Morrill, secretary of the Inauguration Committee, is said to want. the City Postmastership.

IS GERMANY WEAKENING?

isposed to Susperfit Hostilities in Samea for the Present. LONDON, Feb. 18.—The Standard's Berlin correspondent says he understands that the German Government is disposed to suspend hostilities in Samoa during the Samoan couference, but only on condition that estates belonging to German subjects be evacuated by Samoans and that boundary lines of the belligerents' possessions be marked and respected. This cannot be done officially, however, because Germany regards Mataafa as a rebel leader, not as a king. The Frank-fort Gazette suggests that all the three governments interested should recall their present Samoan agents on the ground that, they have interfered overmuch in the quar-

rels of the natives. A Missouri Judge in Custody. SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Feb. 18 .- Deputy United States Marshal Willis arrived be vesterday with Judge Peden of St. Clair County in custody. Several months ago a warrant was sworn out against the Jude

warrant was sworn out against the Judge for refusal to levy a special tax to pay in-terest on railroad bonds. He had many friends and the United States authori-ties encountered trouble in trying to arrest him. Finally strategy was resorted to. The Judge was induced to go on a fox hunt, and when separated from his friends the arrest was made. The Judge is now in jul! He Doesn't Want to be Bishop NEW YORK, Feb. 18.-The Rev. Dr.

Icury Y. Satterlee, rector of Calvary Episcopal Church of this city, yesterday announced to his congregation that he had decided to decline the position of Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan, which had been offered to him. FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL. The New York Stocks.

The Chicago Market. 1002 March. 1012 1042 11 174 11 174 March.. 6 55 6 55 341 March... 354 April... 354 May.... 34 à . 6 65 6 65 272 272

Washington Stock Exchange. Washington Stock Exchange.

Miscellaneous Bonds—W. & G. R. R.
Co., 105; Masonic Hall Ass'n, 105; Wash.
Market Co., 115; Wash. Light Infantry, 1st,
100; Wash. Light Infantry, 2d, 60; Wash.
Gas Light Co., 121; Wash. Gas Serip, 123;
National Bank Stocks—Bank of Wash.
200; Bank of Reguldic, 175; Motropolitan,
200; Central, 210; Second, 151; Farmors'
and Mechanics', 105; Citizens', 127; Columbia, 128.

bia, 128.

Raircad Stocks—Washingt u & George-town, 215; Metropolitan, 111½; Columbia,31; Cap. & North O st., 36.
Insurance Stocks—Firemen's, 39; Frank-lin, 41; Metropolitan, 74; National Union, 19; Arlington, 165; Corcoran, 61; Columbia, 124; German-American, 187; Potomac, 85;

Gas and Electric Light Stocks-Washagion Gas, 41; Georgetown Gas, 46; U. Electric Light 58.
Telephone Stocks—Chesapeake & Poto-uc, 704. mac, 701.
Miscellancous Stocks—Washington Mar-Ket Co., 16]; Washington Brick Machine Co., 210; National Press Brick Co., 30; Great Falls Ice Co., 148; Bull Run Pano-rama Co., 25; Real Estate Title Insurance Co., 110; National Safe Deposit Co., 23; American Grapherbone Co., 20; Columbia

American Graphophone Co., Title Insurance Company, 51. Local Weather Indications. Rain, turning into anow; colder; temperature will fall to about 20° by 8 a. m. February 10; still colder weather to follow.